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APPLICANT: Olivier HERBAUT

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ART UNIT: 3618

FILED: October 13, 1998

EXAMINER: Fleming, F.

TITLE: AIR BAG COVER

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of December 5, 2000, a response being due with a one month extension of time by April 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

17. An air bag assembly for use in a vehicle comprising:

an air bag which is capable of being inflated;

a vehicle bodywork;

a body having a first layer and a second layer, said first layer being of a thermoformable synthetic cellular material which rigidifies said body, said body having a first edge and a second edge;

a retaining means for permanently retaining said body to said vehicle bodywork, said retaining means comprising a flap of flexible material integrally formed with and extending from said first edge of said body, said flap being permanently affixed to said vehicle bodywork such that said body is in hinged relationship to said vehicle bodywork; and

a fixing means for releasably fixing said body to said vehicle bodywork, said fixing

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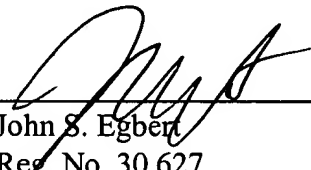
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on April 5, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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